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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2561

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kenji MATSUOKA ) Group Art Unit: 2154  
Serial No.: 09/840,057 ) Examiner: Lin, Wen Tai  
Filed: April 24, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3706  
For: BUSINESS METHOD BY )  
INTERNET CONNECTION )  
INFORMATION REGISTRATION )  
SERVICE, INTERNET )  
CONNECTION SETTING )  
METHOD, INTERNET )  
CONNECTION INFORMATION )  
REGISTRATION METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE )  
RECORDING MEDIUM WHICH )  
RECORDS APPLICATION )  
PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated July 23, 2004, the period for response to which extends through August 23, 2004 (August 22<sup>nd</sup> being a Sunday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among claims 1-6 (Group I); claims 7, 9-14, 17, and 20-21 (Group II); and claims 8, 15-16, and 18-19 (Group III). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a device on a collaborative communications network.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 20, 2004

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